

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **HIRAOKA, Naoki, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1751 (prior)**

Serial No.: **Divisional of 10/282,116**

Examiner: **Gregory E. Webb (prior)**

Filed: **September 16, 2003**

For. **CHEMICAL SOLUTION FEEDING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING SLURRY**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 16, 2003

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows: